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PATENT**POKER GAME WITH REQUIRED DEALER DISCARD****RELATED U.S. APPLICATION DATA**

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

10 **1. Field of the Invention**

The present invention relates to a method of playing a wagering game, particularly a casino table card wagering game or a player banked casino table card wagering game. The invention relates to such games that can use standard rules of poker rank and preferably a standard deck(s) of playing cards. More specifically, the method of the present invention is an enhancement to a game of poker by having a dealer or banker provided with one or more rule restrictions that has a strategic effect in play of the dealer's hand or banker's hand.

15 **2. Background of the Art**

Many different wagering games presently exist for use in both home and casino environments. Such games should necessarily be exciting, uncomplicated and easy to learn so as to avoid frustrating the players. Card games such as poker and Twenty-One have gained widespread popularity because of their established ranking of hands and well-known rules. Furthermore, each of these games usually involves numerous wagering opportunities for the players, thus increasing player participation and excitement. Lastly, the games move fairly quickly to maintain action and activity. All of these factors have created games that are widely accepted and widely known.

25 Variations in wagering structures can also increase the excitement and acceptance of such wagering games. Breeding, U.S. Patent No. 5,417,430 discloses a